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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr SHERLOCK and Mr JOHNSON

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the Community response to the failure of certain Members  
of the International Whaling Commission to abide by the  
decision of the IWC to end commercial whaling

The European Parliament,

- A. being aware of the urgent need to protect the world's population of whale species
  - B. noting that since 1 January 1982 the import of all whale products into the EEC has been banned under an EEC regulation,
  - C. having regard to the decision of the IWC of July 1982 to phase out all commercial whaling by 1986,
  - D. recognising the need for IWC members to abide by IWC decisions and the damage that has been done to whale populations by these decisions having been ignored in the past,
  - E. noting that Japan, Norway, the Soviet Union, Chile and Peru have objected to the IWC decisions and that such objections will render IWC policy ineffective,
1. Calls on the Commission to examine and pursue all possible measures designed to encourage objecting countries to comply with IWC decisions, up to and if necessary, including measures similar to those provided for in current U.S. legislation such as the Pelly amendment to the Fishermen's Protective Act and the Packard-Magnuson amendment to the Fisheries Conservation Management Act;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council and to the Parliaments and Governments of the countries who have filed objections to the IWC decision.